

REMARKS

Claims 5-13, 16, 17, 19 and 20 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Applicants acknowledge Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 16 with thanks. Claims 5 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form, including the limitations found in the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6-13, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended to depend from allowable claims 5 and 16. Claims 1-4, 14, 15 and 18 have been cancelled.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as directed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6, 10-11, 15, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Segal et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,920,879). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, the rejection over Segal et al. should be considered moot. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Moghe et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,127,783). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, the rejection over Moghe et al. should be considered moot. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 8-8 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Raley (U.S. Pat. No. 4,761,322). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, the rejection over Raley should be considered moot. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 6, 12-15, 17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raley in view of Tatarchuk (U.S. Pat. No. 5,102,745). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, the rejection over Raley in view of Tatarchuk should be considered moot. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 944-6522.

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